

**PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION  
AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE  
ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY CHILDREN.**

H. J. R. No. 26-A.]

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.**

House Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adopting a new Section to be known as Section 51d, which shall provide that the Legislature shall have the power to provide, under such limitations and restrictions as may be deemed by the Legislature expedient for assistance to destitute children and for the payment of same not to exceed Eight Dollars (\$8) for one child or Twelve Dollars (\$12) for the children of any one family per month; further providing that the Legislature may impose such restrictions and regulations as to it may seem expedient; providing that the amount to be expended out of State funds in any one year for such assistance shall never exceed the sum of One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000); and providing that the Legislature shall have the authority to accept from the Government of the United States financial aid for assistance to destitute children; providing for an election on the question of adoption or rejection of such amendment and making an appropriation therefor; providing for the proclamation and publication thereof, and prescribing the form of ballot.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. That Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a Section to be known as Section 51d, which shall read as follows:

"Section 51d. Subject to the limitations and restrictions herein contained, and such other limitations, restrictions, and regulations as may be provided by law, the Legislature shall have the power to provide for assistance to destitute children under the age of fourteen (14) years; such assistance shall not exceed Eight Dollars (\$8) per month for one child nor more than Twelve Dollars (\$12) per month for such children of any one family; provided that the amount to be expended for such assistance out of State funds shall never exceed the sum of One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) per year. The Legislature may impose residential restrictions and such other restrictions, limitations, and regulations as to it may seem expedient.

"The Legislature shall have the authority to accept from the Government of the United States such financial assistance to destitute children as that Government may offer not inconsistent with the restrictions herein above provided."

SEC. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held throughout the State on the fourth Monday in August, 1937, at which election all voters favoring the proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the following words:



"FOR the amendment to the State Constitution providing for assistance to destitute children under the age of fourteen (14) years not to exceed Eight Dollars (\$8) per month for one child nor more than Twelve Dollars (\$12) per month for such children of any one family, and providing for acceptance from the Government of the United States of America financial assistance for such payment."

Those voters opposing said proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words:

"AGAINST the amendment to the State Constitution providing for assistance to destitute children under the age of fourteen (14) years not to exceed Eight Dollars (\$8) per month for one child nor more than Twelve Dollars (\$12) per month for such children of any one family, and providing for acceptance from the Government of the United States of America financial assistance for such payment."

If it appears from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of said Amendment, the same shall become a part of the State Constitution.

SEC. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and shall have the same published as required by the Constitution for Amendments thereto.

SEC. 4. The sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State, not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

[NOTE.—H. J. R. No. 26-A passed the House, April 20, 1937, by a vote of 113 yeas, 0 nays; passed the Senate, with amendments, May 5, 1937, by a vote of 28 yeas, 2 nays; House refused to concur in Senate amendments, May 10, 1937, and Conference Committee appointed; House adopted Conference Committee report, May 14, 1937, by a vote of 104 yeas, 11 nays; Senate adopted Conference Committee report, May 14, 1937, by a vote of 29 yeas, 0 nays.]

Filed in the Department of State, May 15, 1937, without the Governor's signature.